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THAILAND

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1. SUMMARY: DURING FEBRUARY, 436 REFUGEES LEFT THAILAND
FOR THE UNITED STATES UNDER IPP-77, AND 25 UNDER THE
CE PROGRAM. A TOTAL OF 1905 REFUGEES HAVE LEFT THAILAND
TO DATE UNDER IPP-77. 191 OF THESE WERE INLAND CAMP
REFUGEES. SIXTEEN BOATS CARRYING 371 REFUGEES ARRIVED
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IN THAILAND DURING THE MONTH. AT THE END OF THE FIRST
ROUND OF INS INLAND CAMP INTERVIEWS IN MID-FEBRUARY, 4149
REFUGEES HAD BEEN ASSIGNED ALIEN NUMBERS AND INS CONDITIONALLY
APPROVED AN ADDITIONAL 888. INS GRANTED PAROLE TO 488 BOAT
REFUGEES UNDER IPP-78. EXACTLY 267 BOAT REFUGEES APPROVED
UNDER IPP-77 STILL LACK SPONSORSHIPS. ACCELERATION OF VOLUNTARY
AGENCY ASSURANCES REMAINS THE MOST IMPORTANT NEED OF THE PROGRAM.

EARLY FUNDING OF IPP-78 WOULD PERMIT US TO PROCESS OVER 100 REFUGEES TO THE UNITED STATES IMMEDIATELY. END SUMMARY

2. A TOTAL OF 436 REFUGEES LEFT THAILAND FOR THE UNITED STATES UNDER IPP-77 DURING FEBRUARY 1978. OF THESE, 61 WERE INLAND CAMP REFUGEES.- AN ADDITIONAL 25 REFUGEES DEPARTED UNDER THE CE PROGRAM, MAKING 81 SO FAR OUT OF THE 146 AUTHORIZATION. TO DATE A TOTAL OF 1905 REFUGEES (1714 FROM BOAT CAMPS, 191 FROM INLAND CAMPS) HAVE MOVED UNDER IPP-77.

3. SIXTEEN BOATS CARRYING 371 REFUGEES ARRIVED IN THAILAND DURING FEBRUARY. BECAUSE ALL OF THE UNHCR FIELD PERSONNEL HAVE NOT YET REPORTED IN, THIS FIGURE IS PROBABLY LOW.

4. UNDER THE INLAND PROGRAM, ALIEN NUMBERS WERE ASSIGNED TO 3105 REFUGEES DURING FEBRUARY. A TOTAL OF 4149 ALIEN NUMBERS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED TO DATE. THE BREAKDOWN:

	I	II	III	IV	TOTAL	
LAO		744	529	-	44	1317
VIETNAMESE		254	61	48	5	368
HMONG		2029	265	-	39	2333

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KHMER	127	3	-	1	131
TOTAL	3154	858	48	89	4149

5. REFUGEES QUALIFYING UNDER CATEGORY III AND THOSE QUALIFYING UNDER CATEGORY IV WHOSE PRINCIPAL APPLICANTS ARE CAT III'S HAVE BEEN CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AS FOLLOWS:

	III	IV	TOTAL
LAO	501	25	526
VIENTNAMESE	-	-	-
HMONG	321	8	329
KHMER	33	-	33
TOTAL	855	33	888

6 BOTH OF THESE SETS OF FIGURES REPRESENT REFUGEES WHOM INS HAS APPROVED IN THE FIRST ROUND. THREE INS OFFICERS HAVE BEEN INTERVIEWING REFUGEES DURING THE SECOND ROUND WHICH BEGAN FEBRUARY 21 THE DATA HAVE NOT YET COME IN FROM THE FIELD. WE ANTICIPATE FINISHING THE SECOND ROUND BY MID-MARCH. TO DATE 488 REFUGEES HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED ALIEN NUMBERS UNDER THE IPP-78 BOAT PROGRAM. SINCE 101 OF THEM ALREADY HAVE ASSURANCES, WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE THEM OUT OF THAILAND AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

7. SPONSORSHIP ASSURANCES HAVE BEEN RECEIVED FOR 1055 INLAND CAMP REFUGEES AND 2140 BOAT CASE REFUGEES. EXACTLY 276 BOAT CASE REFUGEES APPROVED UNDER IPP-77 STILL LACK SPONSORSHIPS.
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8. ACTION REQUESTED: A. CONTINUED ATTENTION TO ACCELERATION OF SPONSORSHIPS.

B. EARLY FUNDING OF IPP-78.
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